

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The A peptide capable of interacting with T cells and modifying T cell function when incubated with cells from human subjects having a condition characterized by an aberrant, unwanted or otherwise inappropriate immune response to Hev b 5, said peptide comprising the sequence of ~~according to claim 10 wherein said amino acid sequence comprises the following amino acid sequence: EPTAAPAEPE (SEQ ID NO: 42), or a homolog or mutant of said peptide, with the proviso that said peptide does not have the sequence of SEQ ID NO:7.~~

12.-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended, Withdrawn) A method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a condition in a subject, which condition is characterised by an aberrant, unwanted or otherwise inappropriate immune response to Hev b 5, said method comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a peptide according to ~~any one of claim 1~~ 11 ~~or an antibody according to claim 23~~ for a time and under conditions sufficient to remove or reduce the presence or function in said subject of T cells ~~and/or antibodies~~ directed to said Hev b 5.

33. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 32 wherein said condition is latex hypersensitivity.

34-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended, Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a peptide according to claim ~~1~~ 11 ~~or an antibody according to claim 23~~ together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and/or diluents.

37. (Currently Amended, Withdrawn) A method of diagnosing or monitoring a condition in a mammal, which condition is characterised by an aberrant, unwanted or inappropriate response to Hev b 5, said method comprising screening for Hev b 5 reactive T cells and/or antibodies utilising the peptides according to claim ~~1~~ 11.

38. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 37 wherein said condition is latex hypersensitivity.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended, Withdrawn) A diagnostic kit comprising a peptide according to ~~any one of claims 1 to claim 11, or 41-42.~~

41-42. (Cancelled)